

REMARKSDrawings

Applicants re-submit herewith formal drawings. It is respectfully submitted that these formal drawings are in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The only changes between these formal drawings and the drawings originally submitted on April 15, 2004 are a change to FIG. 1, in which the descriptive legend of box 16 has been changed from “outtake” to “outlet.” This change was previously submitted in the response dated April 15, 2004 and the approval thereof sought. The changes were submitted according to the correct procedure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, wherein an annotated copy of sheet no. 1, which contained FIG. 1 exclusively, along with a replacement sheet no. 1, were submitted.

It is unclear if the Examiner’s objection is to the fact that in the re-submitted formal drawings, the arrangement of figures on other drawing figure sheets was changed—for example, sheet no. 2, originally containing FIG. 2 only, was changed to contain FIGS. 2 and 3. As far as Applicants understand, this is perfectly acceptable practice; however, to suit the Examiner’s preference, the drawing figures have been re-arranged back to their original configuration in a *bona fide* attempt to address the Examiner’s concern and expedite prosecution of the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant hereby submits the information disclosure statement previously filed on April 15, 2004 which complies with 37 CFR. 1.98(a)(2). Legible copies of each U.S. and

foreign patents are enclosed. Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to enter the information disclosure statement in this case.

Restriction Requirement


The application stands subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has designated Group I to include claim 1, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 15, subclass 406. Group II to include claims 2-10, drawn to a method, classified in class 134, subclass 22.18.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 2-10. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of Group I in a divisional application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1698.

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